

## **Save The Date**

### **“AQuESTT: Every Student, Every Day”**

*--Continuing to Improve with Data...*

April 18-19, 2016

The annual AQuESTT Conference will be held April 18-19, 2016 at the Younes Conference Center – Kearney, Nebraska. The meeting will provide opportunities for school personnel and teams to learn about and experience Best and Emerging Practices, Research and Innovations, Leadership Development, Professional Learning Approaches for each of the six AQuESTT tenets. In addition, a targeted strand of sessions around specific data related topics including new tools, demonstrations and featured sessions on protecting student privacy along with other exciting topics.

The Call for Presentations and Conference Registration details will be available in the coming weeks.



### **Title I Accountability Applications**

Title I Districts having one or more schools identified for Title I “Needs Improvement” MUST complete the Title I Accountability Application which is available January 14, 2016 and will close on March 3, 2016. This application is available in the NDE portal. Accountability allocation amounts are available at: [http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title\\_1\\_Part\\_A\\_SIG.html](http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title_1_Part_A_SIG.html)  
Please contact your Title I consultant with any questions.



### **2015-2016 Staff Reporting – Upload Enabled until January 29**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov) )

Districts have requested we open the staff upload for second semester staff updates. This option will be available through January 29, 2016. Remember the upload file must be a cumulative file of ALL STAFF for the entire school year. So it should include all staff reported in the Fall and any updates to their position assignments. If staff left during the year you must include them with a completion date on their position assignment that was submitted in the Fall, do not remove/delete staff.

### **NonPublic Curriculum Report 2015-2016 – Opened January 12 – Due Date: February 29**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov) )

*This is required for NonPublic Systems only.*

The NonPublic Curriculum Reporting System 2015-2016 will collect data on courses teachers teach for use in determining compliance with Rule 10 and Rule 14. The NonPublic Curriculum Report is located under the "Data Collections" tab in the Portal. Due Date: February 29. Audit Window close date: March 14.

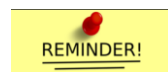


### **ILCD 2.0 – Improving Learning for Children with Disabilities – Application Updates**

Contact: Pam Kasl (402-471-4341 or [pam.kasl@nebraska.gov](mailto:pam.kasl@nebraska.gov))

Some Part B additions and enhancements have been made to the application:

- Parent Survey results from 2014-2015 have been loaded to the site.
- Assessment data from 2014-2015 have been added to the dashboard graphs.
- Impact Areas now have a Printer Friendly button.
- TIP Focus for Improvement dropdown menu: Indicates “Report Only One”, removed the reading & math combination, removed other, added science and added writing.
- TIP Evidence Based Strategy dropdown menu: added Marzano.
- TIP Item #3: reworded to say “Goal with Projected Yearly Targets and District Performance through 2020”.

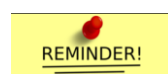


### **Student Summary Attendance - Collection Period 2 – Due Date: January 20**

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*Public Districts and Special Purpose Systems only*

Student Summary Attendance collection period 2 (2015-10-16 through 2015-12-31) is due January 20. Audit Window close date February 4.

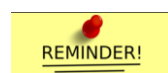


### **NSSRS Extract – Due Date: January 20**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

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On January 21, data will be extracted from NSSRS submissions for preprinted labels for Nebraska State Accountability – Reading (NeSA-R), Math (NeSA-M), and Science (NeSA-S). Data will also be extracted for Excessive Absenteeism Quarterly Count, State Aid Certification and Cohort Graduation Rate and Dropout Rate calculations. The following NSSRS templates should be up to date by January 20: Student, School Enrollment, Year-end Sped Snapshot, Student Summary Attendance (2015-10-16 through 2015-12-31).



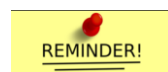
### **High School Feedback Reports Updated/Student Clearinghouse Data Files Available**

Contact for more information: Max Reiner (402-471-6751 or [max.reiner@nebraska.gov](mailto:max.reiner@nebraska.gov))

Contact for assistance: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

*Public and State Operated Schools only*

The High School Feedback Reports in the Data Reporting System (DRS) Secured Site has been updated for 2015. The reports provide details of graduates and subsequent postsecondary choices. In addition, the updated National Student Clearinghouse Data Download files are located in the NSSRS Validation website. The data download files include the most up-to-date college enrollment data currently available for all graduates, including the 2014-2015 graduates. With authorization from the Superintendent, these files can be accessed by logging into the NDE Portal and opening NSSRS Validation, then clicking on Data Downloads in the top menu, then Student Clearinghouse.



### **NeSA-RMSW 2015-2016 Key Dates**

Contact: Valorie Foy (402-471-2495 or [valorie.foy@nebraska.gov](mailto:valorie.foy@nebraska.gov))

Key dates for NeSA-RMSW are presented in the following table.

Update Student Information in NSSRS for NeSA-RMS Operational Test	January 20, 2016
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Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html>



### **Early Childhood Education Program Competitive Grants are now available**

Applications are due by **5:00 pm CST Friday, February 12, 2016**. Eligible applicants are public school districts, individually or in a cooperation with other school districts and educational service units. Districts interested in this funding opportunity are required to work cooperatively with programs that exist with the community, including Head Start and private child care and preschool programs. The grant program may expand, but must not supplant programs and services within the community or service area that are currently provided using state or federal funds.

Guidelines for writing applications, application forms, budget forms, and additional resource information are available on the NDE Office of Early Childhood website <http://www.education.ne.gov/oec/forms.html>. All forms must be downloaded from the website, completed, and submitted via email.

If you have questions, please contact one of the Education Specialists at the NDE Office of Early Childhood:

Kristine Luebbe; 402-471-1860; [kristine.luebbe@nebraska.gov](mailto:kristine.luebbe@nebraska.gov)

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Kim Texel; 402-471-4386; [kim.texel@nebraska.gov](mailto:kim.texel@nebraska.gov)

Catie Limbach; 402-471-0951; [catie.limbach@nebraska.gov](mailto:catie.limbach@nebraska.gov)

### **HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK**

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.

**All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of the following options.**

**If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.**

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.

**OR**

2. Email: [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

**OR**

3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 – **This is a Voicemail line ONLY.**

**Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.**

ALSO: If you have contacted the NDE Program Staff person, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

**THANK YOU!**

### **NDE Bulletins: Past and Present:**

Current and past NDE Bulletins can be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. We will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

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